

MINUTES
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2014 – 12:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL ANNEX – CR 3

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Eames, Hespeler, Schoolcraft, Vincent
Absent: None
Staff: Cullen

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF February 19, 2014

MOTION: To approve the minutes of February 19, 2014

Motion made by Schoolcraft, seconded by Hespeler, so voted 3 - 0 (Vincent abstained)

III. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS/CITIZEN PARTICIPATION – None

IV. STAFF REPORT

The Town submitted an \$800,000 grant application for Pequot Homes, on behalf of the Housing Authority, as the Town must be the actual fiduciary recipient. This will be a joint venture with Groton Utilities and a total of \$1.8 million will be used. It was noted that 4 - 7 units will be made handicap accessible as there are no qualified handicapped units currently.

Housing Rehabilitation

We have an agreement with the State and one-third has been spent. Staff has received additional applications. The grant paid one-half of the Community Development Coordinator's salary.

Advertising Rehabilitation Opportunities

It was noted that advertising in the Groton Senior Center publication has not generated any new applications though advertising in The Day Newspaper and Groton Times seem to be effective.

Priority may need to be given to a house on North Road where numerous code violations exist and have put the property owners in a hazardous situation.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Vincent expressed concerns that he did not receive his February agenda packet prior to the meeting. The Commission felt that agenda packet should be mailed out in a more timely fashion.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:33 p.m.

Lee Vincent, Secretary
Community Development Advisory Committee

Prepared by: Lee Vincent